

COL MICHAEL J. SIMMERING

Commander

3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division

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COL Simmering was commissioned as an Armor Officer in 1993 following graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. His first assignment was with 1st Squadron, 3^d Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR), Fort Bliss Texas from 1994 to 1995 where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader and, later, Scout Platoon Leader. In 1995, COL Simmering moved with the 3^d Armored Cavalry Regiment to Fort Carson, Colorado. While at Fort Carson, COL Simmering continued his service with 1st Squadron as a Company Executive Officer and Assistant Squadron Operations Officer.

Following graduation from the Armor Officer Advanced Course, COL Simmering served as an Operations Officer for III Corps HQs and subsequently assumed duties as an Assistant S-3 and later B Company Commander for 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. Following Company Command, COL Simmering served as an Observer/Controller at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany from 2001 to 2003.

After completing Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, COL Simmering returned to the 3^d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson where he served as the Regimental Plans Officer and the 2nd Squadron Operations Officer. While serving as a Squadron S-3, COL Simmering deployed to Iraq from 2005-2006 and conducted counterinsurgency operations in the Tal Afar District of Ninewah Province, Iraq. Upon redeployment, COL Simmering moved with the 3^d Armored Cavalry Regiment to Fort Hood, Texas. While at Fort Hood, COL Simmering continued service with the 3^d ACR as the Regimental S-3 and Regimental Executive Officer.

In 2008, COL Simmering was re-assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the 4th Infantry Division. From 2009-2012, COL Simmering served as the Commander for the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. As a Battalion Commander, COL Simmering deployed to Afghanistan where the Battalion conducted counterinsurgency operations in the Arghandab District of Khandahar Province from 2011-2012. Upon redeployment, COL Simmering assumed duties as the Division G-3, 4th Infantry Division.

Upon completion of the Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University in Norfolk, Virginia, in 2014, COL Simmering served as the Deputy Command Center Director for NORAD/USNORTHCOM at Peterson, AFB.

COL Simmering has a Bachelor's Degree from the United States Military Academy as well as a Master's Degree from Kansas State University and the National Defense University.

COL Simmering is married and has four children.